



OSPD & MPDA FALL PUBLIC DEFENDERS CONFERENCE

Virtual 

Sessions Live on Zoom

October 26, 2020 - October 30, 2020

Agenda

Monday, October 26, 2020

12:45pm – 1:00pm

Welcome

*André de Gruy, State Public Defender
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi*

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Appellate Court Update

*Judge David McCarty
Mississippi Court of Appeals
Jackson, MS*

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Participatory Defense

*Charisse Domingo, Co-Founder & Community Organizer
Silicon Valley De-Bug
San José, California*

*Isis Misdary, Assistant Public Defender
Defender Association of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

12:00pm – 2:00pm

MPDA Board Meeting

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Litigating Race in the Criminal Legal System

*Travis Stearns, Staff Attorney
Washington Appellate Project
Seattle, Washington*

5:30pm - 7:00pm

PD Leaders Meeting

**Communicating Internally and Externally
(In a Less Than Friendly world)**

*Douglas K. Wilson, Chief Defender
Aurora Public Defender's Office
Aurora, Colorado*

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

11:00am – 12:00pm

Indigent Defense Reform and Other Legislative Issues

*André de Gruy, State Public Defender
Office of State Public Defender
Jackson, Mississippi*

1:00pm – 2:00pm

**Working with Our Clients for Our Clients (and sometimes
achieving extraordinary results)**

*Angela Mallette, Executive Director
Mississippi Harm Reduction Initiative
Ridgeland, Mississippi*

*Jason Payne, Assistant Public Defender
Jackson County Public Defender's Office
Pascagoula, Mississippi*

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Strong Arms of Jxn

*Terun Moore, Co-founder of PAI &
Co-Director of Strong Arms of Jxn
People's Advocacy Institute
Jackson, Mississippi*

*Benny Walley, Co-Director of Strong Arms of Jxn
People's Advocacy Institute
Jackson, Mississippi*

*John Knight, Credible Messenger / Peer Counselor
People's Advocacy Institute
Jackson, Mississippi*

5:15pm – 7:00pm

MPDA Business Meeting and Networking

Thursday, October 29, 2020

10:00am – 1:00pm

(30 min break at 11:00am)

Appellate Defender Training

It's a Win-Win: Telling your Client's Story on Appeal

*Melinda Pendergraph, Training Director
Missouri Office of State Public Defender
Columbia, Missouri*

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Taking Care of Ourselves

*Justin Heim, Training Manager
Wisconsin Office of State Public Defender
Madison, Wisconsin*

Friday, October 30, 2020

10:00am – 12:00pm

Lessons Learned from a Career in Public Defense

*Bill Labarre, Assistant Capital Defender (Retired)
Clinton, Mississippi*

1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Cultivating an Anti-racist Workplace in Public Defense: From
Recruiting to Retention**

*Shannon Cumberbatch, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion;
Supervising Professor, The Bronx Defenders Holistic Defense
Externship at Columbia Law School
New York, New York*

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